Guidelines for use of forests by tribals

†1658. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are going to formulate guidelines for the use of a part of the forests by the tribals and adivasis;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are planning for rehabilitation of the forest dwellers; and

(d) if so, the detail: thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KYNDIAH): (a) to (d) The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has framed the draft Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Rules, 2007 for carrying out the provisions of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 to recognize and vest certain rights over forest land in forest dwelling Scheduled Tribes and other traditional forest dwellers who have been residing in such forests for generations but whose rights could not be recorded. The draft rules under the Act have been pre-published in the Gazette of India dated 19.6.2007 seeking comments and suggestions from the public and other stakeholders. The proposed rules are to be finalised as per the established procedure taking views and comments received from the public into consideration. There are provisions for rehabilitation in the Act.

Decrease in the population of Baiga tribe in Chhattisgarh

1659. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that population of Baiga tribe in Chhattisgarh is decreasing day by day and is virtually on the verge of extinction;

(b) if so, the total number of people of this tribe living in the country, State-wise;

(c) their population ten years ago in Chhattisgarh; and.

(d) the details of action taken during the last three years and being taken by Government for the development of this tribe and save them from extinction?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) to (c) As per the Census figures, the total population of Baiga tribe in districts of Madhya Pradesh, which now constitutes the State of Chhattisgarh, has increased from 54,330 in 1991 to 69,993 in 2001, and has registered a 28.8 per cent growth. The State-wise population of Baiga tribe as per Census 2001 is enclosed at Statement-I (*See* below).

(d) The Ministry has been implementing the scheme 'Development of Primitive Tribal Groups (PTGs)' for overall development of all PTGs including Baiga PTG

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

through State Government as well as NGOs. The details of funds released by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs for various developmental activities for upliftment of all PTGs including Baiga PTG in Chhattisgarh under the Scheme during the last three years are enclosed at Statement-II (*See* below). In addition the Ministry has released Rs. 1.30 crores during 2004-05 and 2005-06 to the State to provide insurance cover to 26000 heads of PTG families under Janashree Bima Yojana of Life Insurance Corporation of India. For the Eleventh Five Year Plan, Ministry has requested the State Government to prepare a comprehensive Conservation-cum-Development Plan for all PTGs in the State which includes Baiga PTG.

The Ministry also releases funds to the State Government of Chhattisgarh under the Schemes of Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Plan (SCA to TSP), Development of Forest Villages and Grants under Article 275 (1) of Constitution of India for development/welfare of Scheduled Tribes including Baiga tribe. Details of funds released under these Schemes to the State Government of Chhattisgarh for the last three years are enclosed at Statement-III

Statement-I

State-wise population of Baiga tribe as per Census 2001

Sl. No.	State	Population
	INDIA	**418412**
1.	Bihar	274
2.	West Bengal	11681
3.	Jharkhand	2508
4.	Orissa	539
5.	Chhattisgarh	69993
6.	Madhya Pradesh	332936
7.	Maharashtra	481

Statement-II

Details of the funds released under the Scheme 'Development of Primitive Tribal Groups' to the State of Chhattisgarh for the last three years

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	The funds sanctioned under the Scheme Development of PTGs
2004-05	264.37
2005-06	201.00
2006-07	267.81

Statement-III

Details of the funds released under Schemes of Ministry of Tribal Affairs for the development/welfare of tribals in the State of Chhattisgarh for the last three years

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Grants under Article 275(1) of the Constitution	SCA to TSP	Development of Forest Villages
2004-05	2858.56	5397.76	–
2005-06	3479.69	4641.08	4359.00
2006-07	4131.86	5477.04	4161.37

Primitive tribal groups in A.P.

1660. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are about fifteen Primitive Tribal Groups in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there are some PTGs which have not been recognised by Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the areas or regions where the PTGs have been spread in the State; and

(e) the special schemes Government have implemented for the PTGs in the State during the last five years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH) (a) As informed by Government of Andhra Pradesh, there are twelve tribal groups (including the sub groups of main tribe) which have been identified as Primitive Tribal Groups (PTGs).

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Details of location of PTGs in the Andhra Pradesh are given at Statement-I (*See* below).

(e) The Ministry has been implementing an exclusive 100% Central Sector Scheme *viz.* "Development of Primitive Tribal Groups" since 1998-99 for over all development of Primitive Tribal Groups (PTGs) inhabiting in various States including Andhra Pradesh. It is a very flexible scheme. Any activity/work, which is connected with the survival, protection and development of PTGs, are covered under the scheme. The activities/works may include provisions for housing, land distribution, land development, agricultural development, cattle development, income generation programmes, healthcare, infrastructure development, social